

## **Maine Charter School Commission**

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**Subject:** Intent - Charter School

State Charter School Commission

Intent to Submit a Charter School Application

**Proposed Charter School Name:**  
Monson Academy (tentative)

**Proposed School Location:**  
Monson, ME 04464

**Proposed Grade Levels:**  
K - 12 (plus 4 year college)  
I know totally ambitious, but not unachievable!

**School Program Design:**

Monson Academy (tentative name) will emphasize an education based on the World of Nature; the Maine Woods in particular, but not excluding any aspect of the natural world - the mountains, the seas, the deserts and the heavens above.

The education will necessarily focus on those "things" living within our outside world, including all animals (of course, humans), lakes and ocean life, plants, trees, and various vegetation.

Much of the "classroom" work will be outside within nature and will necessitate trips - day, week, and months - to many parts of the world. A strong relationship with living "in nature" will be emphasized.

Starting this type of education early (in kindergarten) affords the students their natural inquisitiveness to be channeled toward the natural world rather than the "man-made" world - children of early childhood enjoy memorizing and identifying the names of objects; in this case the names of plants and animals, places, planets, stars and moons.

Eventually this nature-oriented education will 'naturally' extend into upper-level and college to include extensive research projects.

Presently, there is no plan to contract with an education service provider.

Target Population: U. S. citizens, but particularly Maine natives.

Projected Enrollment Year 1: \_\_\_\_\_20 (K-6)\_\_\_\_\_ Projected Total Enrollment: \_\_400 K-16 (in ten years)\_\_\_

Anticipated opening date: \_\_\_\_\_9-5-2012 or 9-4-2013\_\_\_\_\_

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Director - Clerk

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This indicates our intention to submit an application in response to the RFP issued by the State Charter School Commission. I understand that this document is not part of the application, but that I must provide this document to the Commission within 15 days of the issue of the RFP if I wish to submit an application.

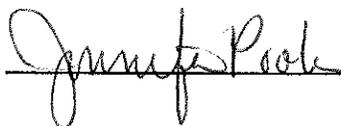
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